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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL JAYCEES SYMPOSIUM: "NEW NORTH-SOUTH SYSTEM
OF EXCHANGE", TUNIS, SEPTEMBER 19-21

REF: A) STATE 215739, B) TUNIS 6265, C) STATE 191312

1. EMBASSY IS PASSING ALONG CONTENTS OF REFTEL A TO
HABIB DOGHRI, JAYCEES INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT.
MUCH APPRECIATE LEGGIO'S EFFORTS.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT PASS RECENT
UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CONCERNING CURRENT U.S. POSITION ON
NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, ESPECIALLY COMMON FUND, TO
SIMENSEN. JAYCEES MAJOR THEME IS "SOLIDARITY FOR A BETTER
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SYSTEM". GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE WORK
DISCUSSION GROUPS WILL BE DEALING WITH THE FOLLOWING
TOPICS, WE THINK IT WISE THAT SIMENSEN AND ASSOCIATES HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH USG POSITION PRIOR TO
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THEIR ARRIVAL. TOPICS ARE: INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION
AND INVESTMENT FINANCING; FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION; CAN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM
CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFICIENTLY TOWARDS A BETTER EXCHANGE
EQUILIBRIUM; EMPLOYMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER; FOR A
NEW SOCIAL ORDER; PROMOTION OF JAYCEES IN MIDDLE EAST;
AND INDUSTRIAL DECENTRALIZATION.

3. ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SIMENSEN WERE ALSO CONVERSANT WITH: CURRENT TUNISIAN PROBLEM WITH EXPORT OF TEXTILES TO FRANCE/EC, EXPORT PROBLEMS FOR OLIVE OIL, AND WEAKNESS OF PHOSPHATE PRICES AS THEY MAY RELATE TO U.S. EXPORT ROLE. WHILE SYMPOSIUM IS INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE, SIMENSEN CAN ANTICIPATE BEING QUESTIONED ON THOSE NORTH-SOUTH TOPICS OF MOST CONCERN TO TUNISIA, PARTICULARLY PHOSPHATES AND TEXTILES.

4. IF DEPT IS CONSIDERING SENDING COMMON FUND EXPERT TO TUNISIA (REFTELS B AND C), EMBASSY SUGGESTS IT CONSIDER SENDING HIM WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, MAKING HIM RESOURCE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SYMPOSIUM. SYMPOSIUM IS ALREADY GETTING COVERAGE IN LOCAL MEDIA AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA IS HONORARY PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA WILL GIVE OPENING ADDRESS, AND MINISTRY HAS ADDRESSED NOTE/INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR. MULCAHY

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